

**HOUSE BILL NO. 278**

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION

**BY REPRESENTATIVES MCCARTY, Carpenter**

**Introduced: 1/18/22**

**Referred: Labor and Commerce, Health and Social Services**

**A BILL**

**FOR AN ACT ENTITLED**

1 **"An Act relating to vaccination equivalents for the COVID-19 virus; and providing for**  
2 **an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 **\* Section 1.** AS 18.15 is amended by adding new sections to read:

5 **Article 7A. Vaccination Equivalents for COVID-19.**

6 **Sec. 18.15.700. Conditions of employment.** Except as prohibited by federal  
7 law, if an employer requires an employee, as a condition of employment, to be  
8 vaccinated against COVID-19, the employer shall accept as equivalent to proof of  
9 vaccination a serology test approved by the United States Food and Drug  
10 Administration that shows measurable neutralizing antibodies to COVID-19. In this  
11 section, "employee" and "employer" have the meanings given in AS 18.60.105(a).

12 **Sec. 18.15.710. Access to areas and services.** Except as prohibited by federal  
13 law, if a business, state agency, or political subdivision of the state requires an  
14 individual to be vaccinated against COVID-19 to access an area or service that is open

1 to the public, the business, state agency, or political subdivision shall accept as  
2 equivalent to proof of vaccination a serology test approved by the United States Food  
3 and Drug Administration that shows measurable neutralizing antibodies to COVID-19.  
4 In this section, "business" has the meaning given in AS 18.35.399.

5 **Sec. 18.15.720. Definition.** In AS 18.15.700 - 18.15.720, "COVID-19" means  
6 the novel coronavirus disease caused by the severe acute respiratory syndrome  
7 coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2).

8 \* **Sec. 2.** This Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).